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Subject: Reject changes to Proposed Portland Harbor Superfund Site Cleanup Plan

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Subject: Reject changes to Proposed Portland Harbor Superfund Site Cleanup Plan

Dear EPA at Portland Harbor Superfund Site,

It is time now to accept the critical importance of protecting Nature and all which that entails. For at least a hundred years, enormous mismanagement of natural resources has been allowed and made legal, not only in Portland, but all over the country. I believe people haven't had the facts about the critical importance of Nature and how essential it is to protect natural processes and lifeforms, however I am convinced we are beginning a new era of truth, information and enlightenment, a time when we are finally beginning to be able to accept and internalize that good business practices must include a profound respect for Nature and natural processes and lifeforms. Let's do the right thing, if not for ourselves, for our children and the generations to follow. Let's show them we care about the most important things in the world. And let's not blame or demonize big corporations, let's show them the way by educating them about what is really important. We're all in this together.

Your plan to reduce cleanup based on a new review of the cancer risk of benzo(a)pyrene does not measure up to the standard that we deserve to protect the river and its users. These findings do not change the fact that benzo(a)pyrene exists in our river and is a known carcinogen, nor does it take into account the threat it poses to other aspects of heart, respiratory, and reproductive health.

What your plan does is limit important cleanup efforts based on a scheduled toxicity review of a chemical that was already flagged as dangerous and in need of cleaning. This change would only benefit polluters who are responsible for that cleanup cost in the first place, showing a priority for industry profits over public need. The proposed plan also does not account for the chemical's other dangers, especially when interacting with the many contaminants within the Portland Harbor, including other PAHs, PCBs, dioxins, and more.

The community surrounding the Portland Harbor have dedicated time, effort, and resources for a cleanup plan that will restore the river to safe levels. It should not be expected to compromise its health and the health of the river, not for \$35 million and 17 acres of reduced effort. Maintain the plan outlined in the 2017 Record of Decision and abide by the timeline for revisions that are established in the Superfund cleanup process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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